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The 47th Precinct Community Council gets new President
Inspector Erik Hernandez, Commanding Officer, 47th Precinct poses with recently elected president of the 47th Precinct Community Council Pamela Hamilton Johnson and her vice-president Sherene Hall at the Council AGM held in the Bronx. *See page 4*

Undocumented to Get Driver's Licenses

On Monday, June 17th New York passed a much-debated bill to allow undocumented immigrants to apply for driver's licenses- only hours after Governor Andrew Cuomo considered vetoing the legislation.

In an evening vote, the democratic-controlled Senate passed the Green light Bill by a relatively thin margin, 33-29. Cuomo signed the bill less than three hours later.


Earlier that Monday, Cuomo expressed concerns that the Trump administration's enforcement arm, known as ICE (U.S Immigration and Customs Enforcement), may try to use driver registration information to target immigrants for deportation.

Cuomo had asked the attorney general's office for an opinion. "If the solicitor general says the federal government cannot access it and gives me that opinion, I will sign the bill. If

she says they can access it, I will not sign the bill. And they should not pass the bill," Cuomo said at the news conference.

"The legislation is well crafted and contains ample protections for those who apply for driver's licenses," James said in the statement. "If this bill is enacted and challenged in court, we will vigorously defend it."

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EDITORIAL

The reality of male suicide

Recently I attended a workshop on mental health and suicide prevention. It was surprising to find out that they are many people at different ages being affected by mental health issues.

Before I explain why mental health affect those who are close to us, let's define mental health. According to the web dictionary, "mental health includes our emotional, psychological, and social well-being. It affects how we think, feel, and act. It also helps decide how we handle stress, relate to others, and make choices. Mental health is important at every stage of life, from childhood and adolescence through adulthood."

Conversely, depending on your mental health, your thinking, mood and behavior could be affected. Mental Health based on many sources is a silent epidemic that is killing both men and women across the US and the UK in staggering numbers.

Ann Matturro Gault wrote that, "it isn't heart disease, cancer, or kidney disease that are killing the men it's suicide. Male suicide rates are on the rise and increasing steadily with age. Men die by suicide 3.53 times more often than women. Every day 1 in 3 men in the US take their own lives."

But why? At the workshop the speakers mentioned that mental health is a taboo in the African-American, Latino and Caribbean societies. Which means within those households the conversation about mental health is not being discussed. As the remedy for illnesses such as mental health is often just prayer without the work of therapy, counselling or just a basic conversation to check in on a person's well-being.

When it comes to mental health issues more women than men are speaking about their struggles. In other words, some men are not being as open and honest about what they are experiencing internally and the external factors that are contributing to it.

Rob Whitley from Psychology today,



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stated that, "men are committing suicide because of various factors: Massive decline in traditional male industries such as manufacturing, forestry and fisheries, leaving large swathes of men in certain regions unemployed or under-employed.

Furthermore, in the current economy, many men are finding it difficult to fulfill a breadwinner role, leaving them without a powerful sense of pride, purpose and meaning in life."

It is clear that the ups and downs of life brings on stress, anxiety and other ailments that sometimes causes us to feel as though we are unable to cope. It is also important to distinguish between a temporary lives struggles from a permanent one before we diagnosed ourselves or anyone around us as mentally ill.

However, I believe the message here, is that, men do struggle in their day-to-day life and many of them are not speaking up about it. Let's check in with the men that are around us today. Let this Father's day be more than buying our fathers a tie and a cigar. Let's be intentional in finding out about the health of our loved ones.

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THE PEOPLE'S PASTOR:

The Rev. Dr. Herbert Daughtry displays copy of his book "No Monopoly on Suffering" and a copy of Street Hype Newspaper at a recent breakfast meeting of the African American Clergy and Elected Officials held on June 7, 2019 in Brooklyn. The Rev. Daughtry hails from a family of five generations of Black church leaders. As national presiding minister of the House of the Lord Churches, chairman emeritus of the National Black United Front and president of the African People's Christian Organization, he has risen to a position of national and international acclaim and responsibility. Rev. Daughtry's more than 46 years of involvement in community and church service has earned him the title, "The People's Pastor."



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NEWS



Inspector Erik Hernandez, Commanding Officer, 47th Precinct (1st l) poses with recently elected 47th Precinct Community Council executive members at the Council's AGM held in the Bronx. Also in photo (l-r) Pamela Hamilton Johnson, president; Sherene Hall, vice-president; Audrey Berry, treasurer; Cheryl McNear, recording secretary and Norbert Bryan, sergeant-at-arms.

The 47th Precinct Council gets new executive

By Patrick Maitland
Street Hype's Writer

The executive director of Eastchester Heights Pamela Hamilton Johnson was elected president of the 47th Precinct Community Council at their Annual General Meeting held at the 47th Precinct in the Bronx last Wednesday.

Other members of the new executive include Sherene Hall, Vice President; Cheryl McNear, Recording Secretary; Au-

drey Berry, Treasurer, and Norbert Bryan, Sergeant-at-Arms.

The executive will serve for a 2-year term starting July 1, 2019, to June 30, 2021.

The mission of the 47th Precinct Community Council is to establish and maintain working partnerships between the 47th Police Precinct and community members; to improve public safety, quality of life and police-community relations throughout the precinct area community.

These working partnerships enable the 47th Precinct in its crime-fighting strategy, build mutual trust, and empower community members as stakeholders.

Inspector Erik Hernandez, Commanding Officer, 47th Precinct and other officers of the NYPD were in attendance and pledged their support and cooperation to the new executive.

The Council will continue to promote existing NYPD programs that enhance public safety, quality of life, and police-community relations; including, Block Watchers, Civilian Observation Patrols, Auxiliary Police, Civilian Observer Ride-Along, Citizen's Police Academy, Explorers Program, Crime Prevention programs, Summer Youth Police Academy and Cops and Kids Click Together.

Bill to Decriminalize Marijuana Passes

ALBANY:

The state Assembly on Friday passed a bill that further decriminalizes marijuana in New York. The measure cleared by a vote of 85 to 39.

It's one of the last pieces of legislation addressed by the chamber before it breaks for the summer.

The bill eliminates the criminal

penalties for possessing up to two ounces of marijuana.

Anyone caught holding or using that much pot in public would face a fine of \$50 to \$200.

The Senate passed the bill on Thursday.

Governor Andrew Cuomo is expected to sign it into law.

US visa applicants require social media identifiers

The United States amended visa application request further information, include "social media identifiers," from almost all US applicants. Only persons applying for certain diplomatic and official visa classes are spared from the new extra "intrusive conditions," part of a broad expansion of President Donald Trump administration's intensified screening.

The new visa application forms list many social media platforms and require the applicant to produce all account usernames they may have used over the previous five years.

Applicants are also given the opportunity to volunteer information about so-

cial media accounts on platforms not listed on the form.

Besides providing social media history, persons applying for visas are now required to provide information for five years of previously used email addresses, telephone numbers, international travel and deportation status; and to declare whether any of your siblings have been linked to terrorist actions.

United States immigration policy considered "intrusive changes" includes five US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) changes to policy updates will affect Caribbean residents seeking a visa.

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NEWS

Mayor Thomas faces stiff competition for a second term

Mount Vernon Mayor Richard Thomas' bid for a second term faces a stiff test in next Tuesday's Democratic primary, where he is challenged by a former police commissioner, Clyde Isley; his former planning commissioner, Shawyn Patterson-Howard; and City Council President Andre Wallace.

A fifth candidate, City Councilwoman Delia Farquharson, is waging a write-in campaign after failing to qualify for the ballot.

She and former Mayor Ernie Davis fought unsuccessful court battles when the Board of Elections invalidated their nominating petitions.

Davis gave up his bid for a fifth term as mayor and endorsed Wallace.

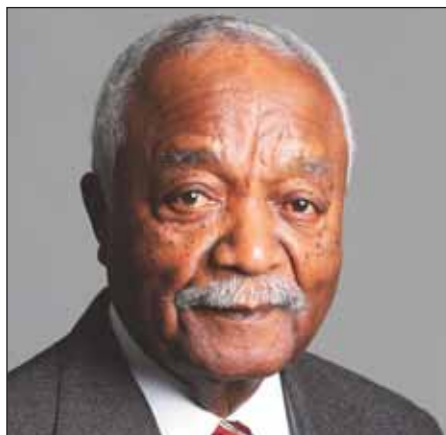
With Democrats enjoying an overwhelming majority in registered voters, the party primary is widely seen to guarantee success in the general election.

If Wallace fails to win the primary, he hopes to buck that trend, as he will be the Republican candidate on the November ballot. The chairwoman of the city's Conservative Party, Rosemarie Jarosz, will run on her party's line.

Thomas, now 36, served four years as a councilman before becoming the youngest elected mayor in the city's history in 2015. The mayoral term is four years, and the annual salary is \$143,000.



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English convicted for sex trafficking, kidnapping minors

Claudius English, 45, of a Bronx address was convicted on June 10 in the Southern District of New York (SDNY) for multiple counts of sex trafficking minors, attempted sex trafficking of minors as young as 8 years old, kidnapping of a minor, and using a firearm to commit the kidnapping.

According to the evidence presented during the trial, in 2013, English sex trafficked multiple minor victims out of his apartment in the Bronx. English used the Internet to find, recruit, and lure minor victims to his apartment, where he photographed them in sexually suggestive poses.

English then sent these photographs to his regular clients, and created advertisements that he posted on Backpage. English arranged for his clients to pay for sex with at least four minor victims who testified at trial. Additionally, for one of his clients, English took substantial steps to obtain and sex traffic girls as young as 13, 11, and 8.

On November 15, 2013, English lured a 14-year-old girl from New Jersey to his apartment for the purpose of selling her for sex. When the victim resisted and said she

wanted to leave, English pointed a loaded gun at her head and refused.

After several hours, the victim convinced English to accompany her outside. Even though English brought his gun with him, the victim ran away and called 911. NYPD officers responded promptly enough that the victim was able to lead them back to English's apartment, where English was caught trying to flee.

English was convicted of conspiracy to commit sex trafficking of minors (count one), four counts of sex trafficking of minors (counts two, three, four, and eight), three counts of attempted sex trafficking of minors (counts five, six, and seven), kidnapping a minor (count nine), and the use of a firearm in furtherance of the kidnapping (count ten).

English faces a statutory maximum sentence of life, and a mandatory minimum sentence of 27 years. This case is being handled by the SDNY's General Crimes Unit and investigated by Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) New York's Trafficking in Person Unit (TIPU) and the New York City Police Department (NYPD).



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LEGAL NEWS

New York based employers join employment compliance program

NEW YORK:

Five New York based employers have partnered with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE), Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) in New York on Wednesday, May 15 by joining the agency's employment compliance program IMAGE, or "ICE Mutual Agreement between Government and Employers."

Reinauer Transportation Companies, LLC (Reinauer) is a tugboat & marine services company, operating on the East Coast of the United States, as well as in Canada, the Gulf of Mexico, the Caribbean and the Great Lakes. Their corporate offices are located in Staten Island, New York. Founded in 1923 by Bert Reinauer, it is now entering its fourth generation of family management. The company operates 27 tugboats and 25 barges and employs 486 employees.

The Zumtobel Group is an international company with offices and facilities worldwide, that is headquartered in Austria. Zumtobel Lighting and Tridonic, Inc. are US subsidiary corporations of The Zumtobel Group, and both are headquartered in Highland, New York. Tridonic, Inc. is a subsidiary of Zumtobel Lighting. Zumtobel Lighting employs 120 US employees and Tridonic, Inc., which is a subsidiary of Zumtobel Lighting, employs 11 US employees.

AFC Industries, Inc. (AFC) is a company that manufactures ergonomically designed furniture and technology related products. This company also holds and seeks GSA contracts, including contracts

with the Department of Defense and the US Navy. AFC is located in College Point, New York. AFC was founded in 1994 and it employs 96 people at its facility.

Century Country Club (Century) was founded in 1898 and it is located in Purchase, New York. Century is a private golf club and it employs 110 individuals. Links Magazine ranked Century Country Club as one of the "100 Most Prestigious Private Golf Clubs in the World". Century is recognized as a Platinum Club of America and is also designated as a Distinguished Club of America."

To qualify for IMAGE certification, partners must agree to the following conditions:

- conduct a self-assessment of their hiring practices to uncover vulnerabilities that could be exploited by unauthorized workers;
- enroll in E-Verify, an employment eligibility verification program;
- train staff on IMAGE Best Employment Practices and the use of new screening tools; and undergo a Form I-9 audit by ICE.

"The decision for these companies to partner with IMAGE demonstrates their commitment to maintaining an authorized workforce," said Angel M. Melendez, special agent in charge for HSI New York. "We welcome them all, and congratulate them for their commitment to adding to their already established compliance efforts and protect the integrity of their workforce."

Craig Reinauer, President of Reinauer, stated, "Reinauer Transportation Cos. is proud to be a participant of the IMAGE Program. With the assistance of the IMAGE program, it is Reinauer's goal to continue to have a lawful and compliant workforce."

Ken Breitman, Director Human Resources – Americas, stated, "Zumtobel Lighting is committed to partnering with the Homeland Security IMAGE Program to insure that we hire eligible personnel for our company."

Anat Rotlevi, Chief Executive Officer of AFC Industries stated, "AFC Industries, Inc. is a participant in E-Verify which gives us peace of mind with the hiring process to reduce unauthorized employment."

Burton War, General Manager stated, "Century Country Club recognizes the need to be proactive in our hiring practices. The IMAGE program helps us to insure that the workers we hire are authorized to work in the United States."

Undocumented workers create vulnerabilities in today's marketplace by presenting false documents to gain employment, completing applications for fraudulent benefits, and stealing identities of legal United States workers. To combat this, ICE initiated the IMAGE program in 2006.

All IMAGE members must participate in the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) E-Verify employment eligibility verification program. Through this program, employers can verify that newly hired employees are eligible to work in the United States.



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International African Arts Festival set for July 7

Brooklyn:

The International African Arts Festival (IAA Festival), Brooklyn's most beloved celebration of African culture and family, returns to Commodore Barry Park on Thursday, July 4, through Sunday, July 7, 2019, 10 am to 9 pm daily.

Each year, "Festival" selects a cultural theme from an African ethnic group and this year's theme YA TOND LA TAABA (We are all as one) from the Mossi Nation of Burkina Faso is appropriate as "Festival" marks the 50th anniversary of the founding of the East organization. It was the East that gave birth to "Festival," which started as a PTA block party and fundraiser for the Uhuru Sasa Shule (Freedom Now School) that was located in Bedford Stuyvesant, Brooklyn.

This milestone celebration will feature performers from across the Africa and its diaspora as well as programming highlighting the rich history and significant contributions of the East to the International African Arts Festival and to Brooklyn's unique cultural identity.

Based on the positive response received from last year's inaugural collaboration with Africa World Documentary Film Festival (AWDFF), Dr. Segun Shabaka, Board Chair-



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man of IAA Festival, is pleased to announce the return of AWDFF to "Festival." AWDFF will once again screen several films which shed light on the various issues affecting Africans throughout Africa and its Diaspora. Dr. Shabaka adds, "They are very powerful, informative and well researched projects from a variety of filmmakers."

Among those headlining IAA Festival 2019 is Jamaican born, reggae singer Etana, The Strong One. Etana, was nominated at the 61st Annual Grammy Awards for Best Reggae Album for her self produced album, Reggae Forever.

The sultry songbird has five albums under her belt and is known for her exceptional stagecraft.

The incomparable Ray Chew, known for his musical dexterity on the keyboards, as well as being the musical director for Show Time at the Apollo, is set to bring his unique musical orchestration to the stage at "Festival" with his ensemble Ray Chew Live.

This year, there will be a "Friends of Festival" (SFF/VIP) tent for those who contribute \$100 or more to the continued growth of IAA Festival. "Friends of Festival" will receive expedited entry, preferred seating, refreshments, as well as a gift bag with lots of goodies.

For those who wish to purchase FoF/VIP tickets they can go to the Eventbrite Website: <http://bit.ly/30JWhLq> or visit the IAA Festival office in Restoration Plaza at 1360 Fulton Street, Suite 401 Brooklyn, New York, 11216.

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The valuation focuses not on her music sales or concert proceeds, but rather her savvy move into fashion and partnership with French luxury goods giant LVMH. Her Fenty Beauty collection, Savage X Fenty lingerie line and partnership with Puma also adds to her wealth.

The news comes on the heels of the announcement that her early mentor Jay-Z has just become the first rap billionaire.



Tifa Lands Endorsement Deal

Dancehall-reggae superstar, Tifa, is now the new face of Cover Girl Jamaica. The artiste recently signed an endorsement deal with the local affiliate of the world-renowned brand that has associated with talents such as Katey Perry, Zendaya, Pink, Issa Rae, Ayesha Curry, amongst others.

Tifa whose resume over the years boast telecommunication giant Digicel, beverage brand Bigga, Stewart Auto Mini-series and many others is no stranger to fusing corporate and entertainment relations. Tifa states "I'm



honored! Cover Girl is a big deal worldwide... Many international icons have represented the cosmetic line and I'm happy to do so for the brand in Jamaica."

Andrea Blake, brand manager for Cover Girl Jamaica adds "At Cover Girl Jamaica we are extremely excited about our partnership with Tifa who epitomizes the true nature of 'I am what I make up'. Tifa will help our brand grow within Jamaica market given her success complementing our own brand."

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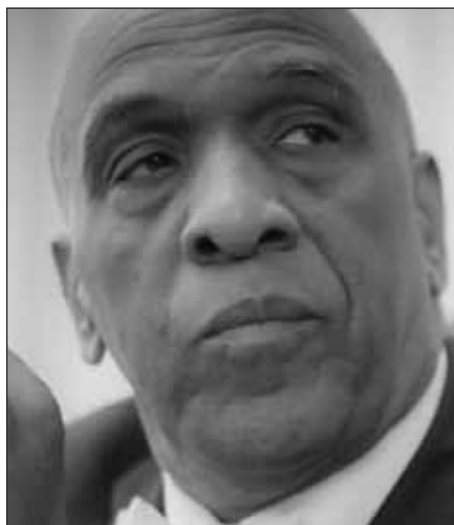
What they say about fatherhood

The nation's first Father's Day was celebrated on June 19, 1910, in the state of Washington. However, it was not until 1972—58 years after President Woodrow Wilson made Mother's Day official—that the day honoring fathers became a nationwide holiday in the United States. Father's Day 2019 occurs on Sunday, June 16.

Rev. Dr. Pastor Sam Vassel, Superintendent for the Nazarene church New York State District- Fatherhood, is the cultivation of those things that you value in yourself and seek to develop in another person who you consider your direct offspring. The dynamics of fatherhood is not limited to bloodline relations. That cultivation includes provision, protection, guidance, and resources that will allow those values to grow.

Rev. Gladstone A. Johnson, Administrative: Pastor at New Testament Temple (NTT) Church of God- A father has three things that he does, he guards, guides and governs lovingly. He also provides and protects similarly as our heavenly father provides and protects us. This is seen in the scripture that states, "My God will supply all our needs, according to his riches in glory."

Dr. Donovan Thomas, Co-Founder of Choose Life International- There are four dimensions to fatherhood. The father is the protector, provider, prophet, and priest. May issues that are facing our soci-



Rev. Dr. Pastor Sam Vassel



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Dr. Donovan Thomas

ety are due to the absence of fathers either physically or emotionally. As someone who counsels many people, I find that 63% of those who complete suicide are people whose fathers are absent from their lives.

Dr. Barrington Burt-Miller, Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine- Fatherhood involves being responsible for not only yourself but also for others around you. It consists of caring for others as you care for yourself. Another significant factor of fatherhood is making yourself available for your children and being able to be reached in times of need. This means that parenthood is about being dependable and trustworthy — a task that is not easy, but one that is noteworthy and admirable.



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Mount Vernon City Council President André Wallace

Mount Vernon City Council President André Wallace has been a resident of Mount Vernon for over 31 years. Mr. Wallace is poised to become the first Mount Vernon Mayor of Cuban and Jamaican descent.

"People are often surprised when they find out I'm Caribbean," said Wallace. "But, growing up as the son of immigrants taught me a lot about what it means to be an American, and what it feels like when you're trying to make it here."

Wallace spent his early career as an executive in the music and sports entertainment fields. In recent years, Wallace has shifted gears to follow another life-long passion: building and design.

He is the president and owner of Creative Direction Construction & Design, a successful contracting and development firm.

Born in New York to a father from Cuba by way of Jamaica and a mother born and raised in Kingston, Council President Wallace is from a family of six children born both here and on the island. His parents emigrated to the United States to pursue opportunity for their children

but never lost their strong ties and sense of obligation to the Caribbean community.

Early-on in his construction career, Wallace had a vision to empower Mount Vernon. So he purchased a building from the City to renovate, turning it into the first accredited educational training and craftsman

apprenticeship program in Mount Vernon. Its mission is to empower, educate, and mentor disadvantaged youth, men and women in the construction and green industries.

Over the past 10 years, Wallace has trained more than 1,000 youth in OSHA 10, OSHA 30, flagger certification, and scaffolding through. His program not only equips them with the skills needed to work in the construction industry, it also prepares them for licensing and certifications.

The career placement process continues through placing participants in apprenticeships and guiding them through the various union membership processes.

Wallace oversees Youth Build, a development program that employs youth for the creation of affordable housing for low-income residents and homeless families. Youth Build puts young people to work while they help their communities. As a skilled laborer who has a heart for people, Wallace embodies scholarship, expertise, achievement, and execution.

Wallace's job placement for adults is in partnership with the National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER) and the Home Builder Institute (HBI/Pact), this partnership has resulted in the placement of more than 700 participants in construction industry jobs.

The training and job placement program also part-

ners with Fortune 500 companies such as Con Edison. As a member of Mount Vernon's City Council, Wallace quickly rose to the position of President of the Council and has spearheaded efforts to protect and assist immigrants in his city, including sponsoring a resolution that would prevent the Mount Vernon Police Department from serving as the local arm of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officials.

His passion for immigration reform and the rights of immigrant families is firmly rooted in his own history.

Among the measures he has sponsored:

- A resolution prohibiting the Mount Vernon police department from acting on behalf of ICE
- A resolution in support of undocumented persons having driver's licenses
- Prohibition of overnight parking in commercial zones
- Co-sponsored the Civilian Community Review Board

He also is responsible for enforcing a later effective time for alternate-side parking, giving residents an additional hour to move their cars, allowing them more time in the morning for getting themselves and their children ready for work and school. He is dedicated to improving the quality of life for Mount Vernon residents, and goes to work to do that daily.

His greatest commitment is to his family, he is engaged to Raquel Rodriguez, and has two sons.

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CARIBBEAN NEWS

Caribbean records increase in tourist arrivals

The Caribbean Tourism Organization (CTO) says the region recorded a 12 per cent increase in tourist arrivals during the first quarter of this year. This was spurred by a 24 per cent growth in arrivals from the United States.

At a news conference on Thursday in New York, CTO chairman Dominic Fedee revealed that between January and March, there were 9.1 million international tourist trips to the region, up by 970,000 over the corresponding period last year.

He said the boom in arrivals also extended to the cruise sector, with a record 10.7 million cruise passengers visits, an increase of 9.9 per cent or 900,000 more when compared to the same period in 2018.

According to Mr. Fedee, due to its bullish economy, high consumer confidence and the strength of the U.S. dollar against global currencies, the United States was the strongest performing market during the first quarter, with 4.5 million tourist visits, while Canada's 1.5 million tourist visits to the Caribbean represented a strong four per cent rise.

However, the performance of the European market was less encouraging, with arrivals up marginally by 0.6 per cent.

State funeral for Edward Seaga set for June 23

Culture Minister Olivia 'Babsy' Grange confirmed that a state funeral for former Prime Minister Edward Seaga is to be held on Sunday June 23.

Minister Grange gave details of the funeral arrangements and related activities at a media briefing Monday afternoon at the Office of the Prime Minister.

Grange said the service will be held at the Holy Trinity Cathedral on North Street in downtown, Kingston.

Responding to concerns about the size of the church for the funeral, Minister Grange said "it was a difficult decision to make but the family wanted the service to be held in a church, and so we will just have to make appropriate arrangements to accommodate as many persons as we can inside the church and outside of the church."

Before the state funeral, she said Mr. Seaga's body will lie in state at several locations beginning on June 10 at the Tivoli Gardens Community Centre from 10am-1pm; on Tuesday, June 11 at Denham Town Community Centre from 10am-1pm; and at the National Arena on Thursday, June 20 from 11am-2pm.

However, the casket will remain closed at the request of the family.

Seaga's remains will be interred at National Heroes' Park.

A period of mourning has been declared and will be observed from June 19 to June 22. "It means that government will not have



Edward Phillip George Seaga
May 28, 1930 - May 28, 2019
Former Jamaican Prime Minister

any social activities; official activities that were scheduled will be postponed where possible; travel will be limited by government officials and the flag will be flown half-mast," Minister Grange explained.

The government is appealing to the public to also observe "a certain decorum during that period," she said.

Seaga's nine-night is to be held on Wednesday, June 5 in the Tivoli Gardens Square, beginning at 7:30 pm.

Ten Caribbean countries that received the most remittance

News Americas:

These 10 Caribbean countries received the most remittance in 2018, the latest data available according to the World Bank.

They are: The Dominican Republic – USD 6,789 billion; Haiti – USD 2,986 billion; Jamaica – USD 2,455 billion; Guyana – USD 286 million; Trinidad and Tobago – USD 142 million; Barbados – USD 115 million; Sint Maarten – USD 65 million; Grenada – USD 48 million; Saint Vincent and the Grenadines – USD 42 million; and Antigua & Barbuda – USD 35 million

Regionally, remittances flow into Latin America and the Caribbean grew 10 percent to \$88 billion in 2018, supported by the strong U.S. economy.

Mexico continued to receive the most remittances in the region, posting about \$36 billion in 2018, up 11 percent over the previous year.

Colombia and Ecuador, which have migrants in Spain, posted 16 percent and 8 percent growth, respectively. Three other countries in the region posted double-digit growth: Guatemala (13 percent) as well as Dominican Republic and Honduras (both 10 percent), reflecting robust outbound remittances from the United States.

T&T paid kidnappers for his release

The police in Trinidad and Tobago have confirmed that relatives of Jamaican businessman Yohan Chin paid an undisclosed sum as ransom to his kidnappers who released him on Tuesday, May 4th.

His release came 51 days after the relatives placed an advertisement, via a security firm, in which they reached out to his abductors to contact them to complete negotiations for his safe release. According to Trinidad Newsday online, the police said Mr. Chin was taken for medical care and doctors gave him a clean bill of health.

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Uruguay Apologizes To Haiti

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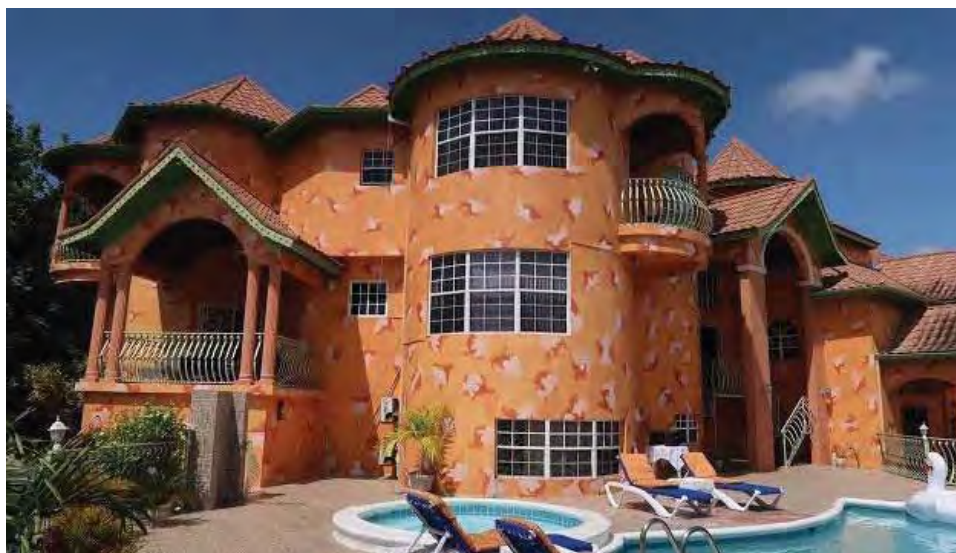
An alleged sex abuse of a Haitian young man by five Uruguayan military peacekeepers has elicited an apology from the country's President. President Jose Mujica sent a personally signed letter late Tuesday to Haitian President Michel Martelly, asking for forgiveness from him and the "beloved and heroic people of Haiti" for what he described as "the criminal and embarrassing conduct of a few" Uruguayans.

The apology comes after Martelly condemned the apparent assault inside a base in Port-Salut, Haiti, as "collective rape."

Mujica for his part called it an affront to "the national conscience of the Haitian people" and said he personally feels ashamed for his countrymen.

He also promised a complete investigation and said those responsible will receive the maximum penalties.

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SPORTS

Jamaica's Olympic champions will join in the senior and junior international meet

The likes of Olympic champions Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce, Elaine Thompson and Yohan Blake will begin their quest for qualification to the various senior and junior international meets when the 2019 JAAA Supreme Ventures National Senior and Junior Championships get underway at the National Stadium on Thursday, June 20th.

The 100 meters heats for men and women and 400 meter hurdles preliminaries for both men and women are the two track events scheduled for the opening day.

The triple jump for men and javelin for women will take place in the field. The Under 18s and Under 20s will participate in qualifications for the 100 and 400 meters. The afternoon session begins 6:05 pm with the heats of the men's and women's 400 meters hurdles along with the 400 meters heats for Under 18 and Under 20 boys and girls.

The quarter-final round of the men's and women's 100 meters will also be contested in addition to the 100 meters heats for boys and girls. The final of the men's triple jump and javelin will also be contested.

Jamaican Yee-Singh named reserve assistant referee for Canada/Netherlands game

Jamaican Stephanie Dale Yee-Singh has been assigned as a reserve assistant referee for the Canada versus the Netherlands encounter on Thursday in Group "E" at the FIFA Women's World Cup in France. What this means is that if one of the assistant referees are unable to fulfill their duties, then Yee-Singh will step in. Yee-Singh and fellow Jamaican Princess Brown were the assistant referees for the Germany versus China game and the Norway/South Korea encounter.

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Jamaican Dever Orgill who netted twice to put Jamaica up 2-0 keeps an Honduras' defender out

Orgill leads Reggae Boyz to victory over Honduras

Reggae Boyz head coach Theodore 'Tappa' Whitmore believes the team needs to improve despite their 3-2 win over Honduras at the National Stadium on Monday, June 17th in the CONCACAF Gold Cup.

Striker Dever Orgill netted twice to put Jamaica up 2-0 after 41 minutes and defender Damion Lowe gave them a 3-1 lead after 56 minutes, shortly after Honduras pulled one back.

However, Honduras scored in early in stoppage time to make things nervy for the Boyz. While unhappy with conceding twice, Whitmore says it's a performance they can build on. Whitmore was also pleased with star forward Leon Bailey who made his international debut. The 21 year old played the full match, had two shots on target and was also involved in the opening goal. The team departed the island on Tuesday, June 18th afternoon for the United States where they will take on El Salvador in

Houston on Friday, June 21st and Curacao next Tuesday in Los Angeles. Jamaica lead Group "C" with 3 points with a greater goal difference than El Salvador who beat Curacao 1 nil in the first game of the double header at the National Stadium. Jamaica became the first Caribbean team to host Gold Cup matches.

Action in Group "C" continues on Friday with Honduras taking on Curacao and the Reggae Boyz playing El Salvador.



Reggae Girlz exit FIFA Women's World Cup with consolation goal

Jamaica's Reggae Girlz had something to celebrate despite seeing their slim hopes of advancing to the round of 16 of the FIFA Women's World Cup in France disappear. Substitute Havana Solaun created history by scoring their first ever goal at the tournament, having netted in the 49th minute of their team's 4-1 loss to Australia in Grenoble on Tuesday, June 18th. The Reggae Girlz lost their previous Group "C" games 3-0 to Brazil and 5-0 to eventual group winners Italy. Australia took the runner-up spot while Brazil advanced as one of the four best third placed teams. All three teams finished on 6 points each.

Indies Windies drops out of World Cup

Former West Indies fast bowler Tino Best says the firing of the entire coaching staff for the senior West Indies team prior to the World Cup has played out with the performances on the field of play at the ongoing ICC World Cup for the Caribbean team.

The West Indies have lost three of their five games while winning once at the World Cup so far and the Barbadian believes the kneejerk reaction of the board to fire then interim coach Richard Pybus after the elections, is evident in England.

Tino Best said "former Jamaica and West Indies fast bowler Michael Holding had questioned the decision to change the backroom staff and he believes it was a mere bully tactic from new Cricket West Indies president Ricky Skeritt."

NEW JERSEY NEWS

Shooter of baseball star David Ortiz indicted

Paterson man accused of shooting baseball star David Ortiz indicted on drug charges

A city man accused of shooting baseball star David Ortiz was indicted on drug charges on Thursday, according to U.S. Attorney Office.

Rolfi Ferreira-Cruz, 25-year-old, was indicted on possession and intent to distribute

cocaine and heroin. He was also indicted for possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime, authorities said.

Ferreira-Cruz is in custody in the Dominican Republic for attempted murder in the June 9, 2019 shooting.

The charges in the indictment stemmed from a January 22, 2019 incident in Passaic County.

Ferreira-Cruz allegedly had in possession heroin and cocaine with the intent to distribute while armed with a .40 caliber Glock 23 handgun with an extended magazine, authorities said.

Authorities said Ferreira-Cruz could face 40 years in prison and \$5 million fine if convicted on the drugs and weapons charges.



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Burglars broke into
27 concession stands
across 6 NJ counties

Authorities are trying to find the burglars who have broke into 27 Little League and other recreation concession stands across six counties in north and Central Jersey over the past two months.

Police in Hasbrouck Heights, Teaneck and Woodbridge say surveillance cameras in their towns have captured images of the man and woman, the Morris County Sheriff's Office said in a statement Friday, June 14th. The break-ins began April 24 with the most recent taking place Thursday at Overpeck Park in Bergen County.

The most the thieves netted from a single burglary is \$700, though they also caused significant damage to many of the stands, authorities said.

Stands in Morris and Passaic have been the most frequently targeted with eight burglaries apiece in those counties. Cops and other law enforcement personnel are working together to try to find the pair responsible.

Paterson Adult High School
Graduation Sets Record

PATERSON:

Donning caps and gowns and being feted with all the pomp and circumstance their younger counterparts will be in the coming weeks, 92 students celebrated their graduation from Paterson's Adult High School Thursday.

According to Paterson Public Schools officials the graduating class is believed to be the largest in the history of the program.

Saying that the diploma they were earning was "just as real as high school diploma in the Paterson Public School District and the State of New Jersey," Superintendent Eileen



F. Shafer added that the Adult High School was founded upon the idea that there is no one pathway to success in life.

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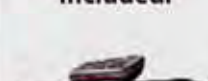
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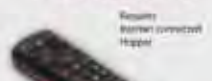


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BEAUTY CARE

Tips on Choosing a New Hair Salon

by JENNIFER KNIGHTSTEP

If you've just moved to a new city, or you're just looking for a change, you might be wondering how to choose a hair salon. I can help! I've chatted up my own stylist, Toni, and she had some excellent advice to share.

ASK FOR REFERRALS

Your friends at work and at school can be a wealth of information when you're choosing a new hair salon. Ask them where they get their cuts and colors, and which particular stylist they use. Chances are, they'll be happy to share stylists... as long as you don't dig for which shade of blonde they are, exactly.

CHECK THE SITE

Most salons have a website of their own, or a Facebook page. Either one is another great place to get information when you're wondering how to choose a hair salon. I love looking on Facebook because happy (and unhappy) clients will leave photos and stories to go along with their experiences.

CHECK IT OUT

Before I use any new salon, I visit them in person before I make an appointment. I'll check out the facility to make sure it's clean, and to see how busy it is, and who the clients are. If it's modern, clean, busy, and if the clients look to be about my age and if they look well-groomed, I'm in!

SEE THE STYLISTS

You wouldn't trust your hair to a woman with a bright blue mullet or a guy wearing torn, filthy blue jeans, would you? I've seen these two stylists, and other interesting specimens,



Team leaders Togia and Pauline Fairclough and staff of New Beginning Beauty Salon pose for the camera during the recent relaunch of the facilities located at 501 South 8th Ave, Mount Vernon.

on visits to scope out new salons. Check out your own stylist ahead of time to see how they present themselves, and what they look like — it seems shallow, but if they can't take care of their own appearance, you might not want to trust them to take care of yours.

LOOK AT PRICES

It won't matter that you've found the perfect salon if you can't afford a shampoo there, let alone highlights and a trim. Salons and individual stylists can vary wildly in price, so before you make a firm decision, make sure their prices fit into your budget.

TALK TO CLIENTS

You've seen the salon, checked out the stylists, now you might want to consider chatting with one or two clients. I do this on Facebook, reading comments and wall posts, but feel free to do it in person, too.

GO LOCAL!

I love the idea of spending my money to help the local economy, so I always choose a hair salon that's individually owned, and not a big chain, like Grondin's or Fantastic Sam. Aside from the economic impact of spending my money locally, I've also noticed that most small salons tend to do a better job.

WHAT DO THEY OFFER?

Before choosing a new salon, find out what services they provide, so you can consolidate. My salon does manis and pedis, style, color, tanning, and even facials and massage, so most of their clients, including me, are able to do everything beauty-related all in one go. So convenient!



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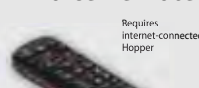


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RELATIONSHIP

Why Summer Love is Different Than Falling In Love during Any Other Season

By Jamie Kravitz

Falling for someone new is a feeling unlike any other. Experiences like sharing that first kiss, getting butterflies in your stomach whenever you think about them, and wanting to talk about the person all the time somehow never get old. With a new love interest comes a restored sense of promise. And speaking of renewed hope, is it just me, or is falling in love in the summer even better than falling in love during any other season? It's fairly easy to see why summer love is different.

1. You have more opportunities to meet new and exciting people: During the summer, you're always being invited to someone's barbecue, pool party, or beach bonfire. You mingle with people you don't know, or have met a few times but haven't really talked to. The intrigue of this new and somewhat mysterious person, combined with the great weather and even better vibes, is the ideal recipe for making sparks fly.

2. You have fewer responsibilities, which gives you the freedom to be spontaneous: With less pressure from work, school, and family commitments, summer tends to feel like a break from the rest of the year. You're not bogged down with exams or trying to get that big holiday bonus, so your work load is lighter. Interactions feel more casual, and decisions don't seem to carry as much weight. Even if you're a very Type A person, the "summer mindset" might just allow you to get out of your shell. Sure, you're shy, but it's summer, so why not go skinny-dipping after dark?

4. You feel sexier in your own skin: During the summer, people often tend to eat healthier. You crave lighter foods like smoothies and

salads, as opposed to winter when you want the comfort of a creamy bowl of mac and cheese or a steaming hot cup of broccoli cheddar soup. This is because the sun is dehydrating, so people are "more likely to eat energizing, tummy-flattening, water-based foods such as citrus, spinach, and cold soup," Bonnie Taub-Dix, R.D., author of Read It before You Eat It told Women's Health.

5. There's little to no pressure to commit: Most of the time, summer love might more accurately be called a summer fling. Part of what makes it so enticing is that there isn't a lot of talk about commitment or "the future." It's about enjoying the moment and not thinking past Labor Day. Data backs this up; according to Facebook statistics from 2010 and 2011, the months of May through August showed an increase in breakups for those under 25, 25 to 44, and 45 and over — all three age groups assessed.

One possible explanation for this major change in relationship statuses is that couples know they'll be tempted over the summer, perhaps because they'll be spending more time apart or because they'll be more in the mood to date casually.

So while the data shows an increase in breakups, that just means there are fewer long-term relationships that last through summer. This gives singles more of an opportunity to find someone to (summer) love.



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